

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-24 remain pending in the current Application. Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 24 have been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments do not add new matter to the current Application. All the amendments herein have been made in order to clarify the claims and not for prior art reasons. Applicants also submit that (1) no amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein, and (2) no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

Rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 12, 16, 19 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 5, 12, 16, 19, and 23 are patentable over US Patent No. 5,524,114 (hereinafter referred to as Peng). However, the Examiner has indicated that each of claims 4, 6-11, 13-15, 17, 18, 20-22, and 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, in order to further prosecution and not for prior art reasons, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the elements of allowable dependent claim 7 (and have therefore cancelled claim 7), have rewritten each of claims 4, 6, and 8 into independent form, have amended claim 16 to include the elements of allowable dependent claim 17 (and have therefore cancelled claim 17), have amended claim 19 to include the elements of allowable dependent claim 24, and have rewritten each of claims 20, 21, and 22 into independent form. Note that Applicants have also amended dependent claim 24 to state the same elements of dependent claim 23, but depending off of claim 21. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 16, 19, 20, 21, and 22 are allowable, as indicated by the Examiner. Furthermore, claims 2-3, 5, 12, 23, and 24 each depend directly or indirectly from one of allowable claims 1, 19, and 21, and are therefore also allowable for at least those reasons which apply to claims 1, 19, and 21.

Conclusion

Although Applicants may disagree with statements made by the Examiner in reference to the claims and the cited references, Applicants are not discussing all these statements in the current Office Action, yet reserve the right to address them at a later time if necessary.

Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of the pending claims. Contact me if there are any issues regarding this communication or the current Application.

If Applicant has overlooked any additional fees, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit or debit Deposit Account 503079, Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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